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Comment: The plan to eliminate the morse code requirment from the licencing requirements for a amateur radio licence is a long overdue change. As the population of amateur operators ages and dies the number of skilled experiance radio operators also declines because lack of interest in Morse code by the younger age groups. The ability to use an outdate mode of operation in not necessary to have a good amateur radio service. Skilled operators are needed by military, emergency services and other times of need. They are a vital pool to draw from. The elimation of the requirement of morse code is a step in the right direction in modernizing the amateur radio service.